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Policy Brief.....FY 2003 Summer Supplemental

Status:

- On Monday, July 21, the House Appropriations Committee approved the supplemental.
- On Friday, July 11, the Senate passed the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill that included the supplemental.

By the Numbers:

Dollars in Thousands

	President's Request	House Appropriations	Senate Passed
Spending	1,889,000	2,025,893	2,044,000
Rescissions	0	0	0

The House Appropriations Committee bill is:

- \$136.893 million or 7.2% above the request.

The Senate passed bill is:

- \$155 million or 8.2% above the request.

The President's request is equal to 0.51% of FY 2003 non-defense, non-homeland security, non-Supplemental spending.

History of Offsets for Supplementals:

The following chart, taken from the Congressional Budget Office shows the amount of rescissions requested by previous Presidents to accompany Supplementals and the amount of rescissions actually enacted.

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	Bush			Clinton						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Requested	-227	-3,511	-7,881	-356	-3,141	-1,295	-1,053	-439	-43	-23
Enacted	-2,045	-331	-8,433	-2,499	-3,159	-18,940	-3,844	-7,980	-2,726	-2,019

Funding Details:*Dollars in Thousands*

	President's Request	House Appropriations	Senate Passed
Wildland Firefighting -- Forest Service	253,000	253,000	253,000
Wildland Firefighting -- Forest Service -- Hazardous Fuels Reduction	0	15,000	0
Wildland Firefighting -- Forest Service -- State & volunteer fire assistance in southern California	0	15,000	0
Wildland Firefighting -- Bureau of Land Mgmt	36,000	36,000	36,000
Wildland Firefighting -- Bureau of Land Mgmt -- Reduce Threat in areas declared under a state of emergency by a Governor	0	0	25,000
FEMA -- Disaster Relief Fund	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000
NASA	50,000	50,000	50,000
Courts & Judicial Services	*	12,187	0
Defender Services	*	17,228	0
Fees of Jurors	*	2,778	0
Corps of Engineers Flood Control	0	60,000	10,000
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service --Midway Atoll Cleanup	0	5,000	0
Americorps	0	0	100,000
Commodity Credit Corporation -- Compensate Orchardists in Michigan for tree losses due to fire blight	0	9,700	0
Commodity Credit Corporation -- Suppression of Mormon cricket infestation in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho	0	0	20,000
TOTAL	1,889,000	2,025,893	2,044,000
*Funding separately requested by the Courts.			

Additional Language Included in the Various Bills:President's Request:

- Make changes to Native American Housing Program language included in FY '03 Omnibus (included in a separate request)

House Appropriations Committee:

- Makes changes to Native American Housing Program language included in FY '03 Omnibus
- Amends various report language from previous appropriations bill to clarify the recipients of certain earmarked funds
- Makes changes related to the Federal Housing Administration, Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account
- Adds a new earmark of \$500,000 within already appropriated funds for rehabilitative services and disability research for the Ohio Alliance of Community Center for the Deaf, Worthington, OH

Senate Passed Measure:

- Directs the Corps of Engineers to reprogram funds so as to cover \$11 million in contractual obligations and other expenses relating to the Grand Forks Flood Control Project, Grand Forks, ND
- Directs that \$4,353,368 appropriated to the Department of Education that would otherwise lapse (i.e. be unavailable for expenditure) be transferred to the Education for the Disadvantaged account. The funds are then sent to states that received less in FY '03 than they did in FY 2002 for Title I programs.

Items Added to the Supplemental Compared with FY '04 Appropriations:

One concern sometimes expressed by conservatives is that we are funding items in the FY '03 supplemental in order to reduce the need for increased spending for those programs in the regular appropriations bills, thereby making it easier to spend more money overall.

The House Appropriations Committee added \$60 million to the supplemental request for Corps of Engineers Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies, yet the Energy and Water Bill for FY '04 adopted by the House was \$30 million below the President's request (\$25 million above FY '03, excluding the Supplemental).

The Committee also added, pursuant to an independent request of the Judicial Branch:

- \$12.2 million for the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services, yet in the pending Commerce / Justice / State Bill for FY '04, this account is \$185 million below the request (\$227 million above last year);
 - \$17.2 million for Defender services, yet the pending FY '04 bill is \$21.5 million below the request (\$79 million above last year); and
 - \$2.8 million for Fees of Jurors, yet the pending FY '04 bill is \$1.1 million below last year and equal to the request.
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